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THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) The Examiner of Local Fund Accounts.

" (*b*) The audit extends to special funds which pass through the accounts of the Municipal Council.

" (*c*) Yes.

" (*d*) No. Does not arise."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Inasmuch as conducting an exhibition has almost become the rule and not the exception with local bodies, will the Government take steps to see that the accounts of those exhibitions are also audited because in the Kozhikode Municipality for the last three years, and even to-day I know, the exhibition accounts have not been audited even in spite of the demand made by the municipal councillors? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The Examiner of Local Fund Accounts is asked to check the accounts."

* 465 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" I submit, Sir, that the question No. 465 may be taken up to-morrow." 10 a.m

MR. SPEAKER :—" All right."

Number of wells dug in Cuddapah district.

* 466 *Q.*—SRI N. SIVARAMI REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of wells dug so far in each taluk of Cuddapah district under the Rural Water-supply Scheme;

(*b*) what is the total amount of money spent on the same;

(*c*) how many of them are actually being used by the villagers and how many not; and

(*d*) whether the wishes of the people in the locality are ascertained in the selection of the site before the wells are dug?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The total number of wells sunk in the Cuddapah district under the Five Year Comprehensive Programme beginning from 1948–49 up to 31st December 1952 was 820 and the expenditure incurred on them was Rs. 24,15,144. A talukwar and yearwar statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

" (*c*) All the 820 completed wells are being used by the villagers.

" (*d*) Sites are being selected with a view to see that there is no contamination from unhealthy surroundings. The conveniences of the villagers regarding the proximity of the well sites to living habitations and the accessibility of the sites for all communities are also generally taken into consideration. The sites are selected after a joint inspection by the Minor Irrigation staff and Health Inspector, and generally the wishes of the people in the locality are also ascertained."

[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 215 infra.

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SRI N. SIVARAMI REDDI :—" Sir, from my own experience in my constituency I find that several of these wells are inconveniently situated and hence abandoned. Several of them are in need of repairs and the common opinion prevailing in the villages is that large sums of money are being wasted on several of these wells. As such, will the Government consider the desirability of investigating into the conditions of these wells and taking the responsibility for the same? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" If the hon. Member writes to the Government giving particulars about the complaints he has now made and cites specific instances, the matter will be duly enquired into and suitable action would be taken."

SRI P. NARASIMHA REDDI :—" Will the Hon. Minister assure us that at least one well would be dug in each Harijan village and in other backward community villages in Cuddapah district in view of the frequent droughts and the poverty of the backward communities living therein and the consequent suffering of the Harijans and other people in those villages? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have already given the information that as many as 820 wells had been dug at a total cost of 20 lakhs of rupees and odd in Cuddapah district under the Comprehensive Programme beginning from 1948–49 up to 31st December 1952."

Management of Harijan hostels in Bapatla.

* 467 *Q.*—SRI K. VENKAIAH : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Hon. the Minister for Education visited Bapatla in the month of February 1953;

(*b*) the purpose of the visit;

(*c*) whether he received any reports relating to the management of Harijan hostels;

(*d*) whether he visited any hostels; and

(*e*) if the answers to (*c*) and (*d*) are in the affirmative, the steps he has taken?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) It was a routine tour and for comprehensive purposes.

" (*c*) No reports as such, but he got a certain amount of information from official sources.

" (*d*) Yes

" (*e*) The Director of Harijan Welfare has been instructed to take necessary action in respect of matters noticed in the tour."